

# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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F R E E

## Thunder over Michigan Ground Parade set for Friday in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

On Friday, the Thunder over Michigan Ground Parade will stage at Victory Park in Belleville and then, at 6:30 p.m., head up Main Street to Roys, next to the museum.

After the parade, the World War II American and German vehicles and re-enactors will stage again at Horizon Park until about 7:45 p.m. and then head back to Willow Run Airport where they are a part of the big week-end Air Show.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Michael Luther, Yankee Air Museum's Air Show Director, apologized for the late notice of the parade. He said they thought about skipping it this year to save money, but, there was overwhelming support for the parade on their Facebook page.

This year's parade will have no vintage aircraft overhead as in the past, just vehicles and re-enactors in costume.

Also at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved a request by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to have a Food Truck Rally, with four to six trucks, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Victory Park during the weekend of citywide yard sales on Sept. 7, or Sept. 8, if there is rain;

- Heard a member of the Board of Directors of Victoria Commons tell the council about muskrats eroding the ponds, cracking of concrete driveway aprons, trees that need trimming, conditions of the fountains, and the dilapidated condition of the wooden playground equipment and knee-high grass in the park. He was directed to the city administration and the Downtown Development Authority for help. He said DPS Director Keith Boc told him "The city's broke," so the Victoria Commons board and residents could take care of some of the problems themselves, if it's OK with the city;

- Heard the man from Victoria Commons

say his four-year-old son and members of his family were attacked by dogs in Victoria Commons and now his son is petrified of dogs. He questioned the dog ordinance that says dogs can be off the leash in their own yards. He said if anyone is hurt he will go after the city as well as the dog owner. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the

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## Victims of disbarred attorney Tom White jam Victory Station

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

More than 40 angry, saddened, and perplexed victims of disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas A. White jammed into Victory Station at Five Points last Thursday night to meet with seven attorneys.

It was standing room only by the time Royal Oak attorney Steven Z. Cohen began his remarks, outlining the situation and making suggestions on how to proceed for those who lost money to the man Cohen called the best con artist he's ever seen.

Cohen spoke for an hour and then the other attorneys gave brief introductions. Attorneys present were:

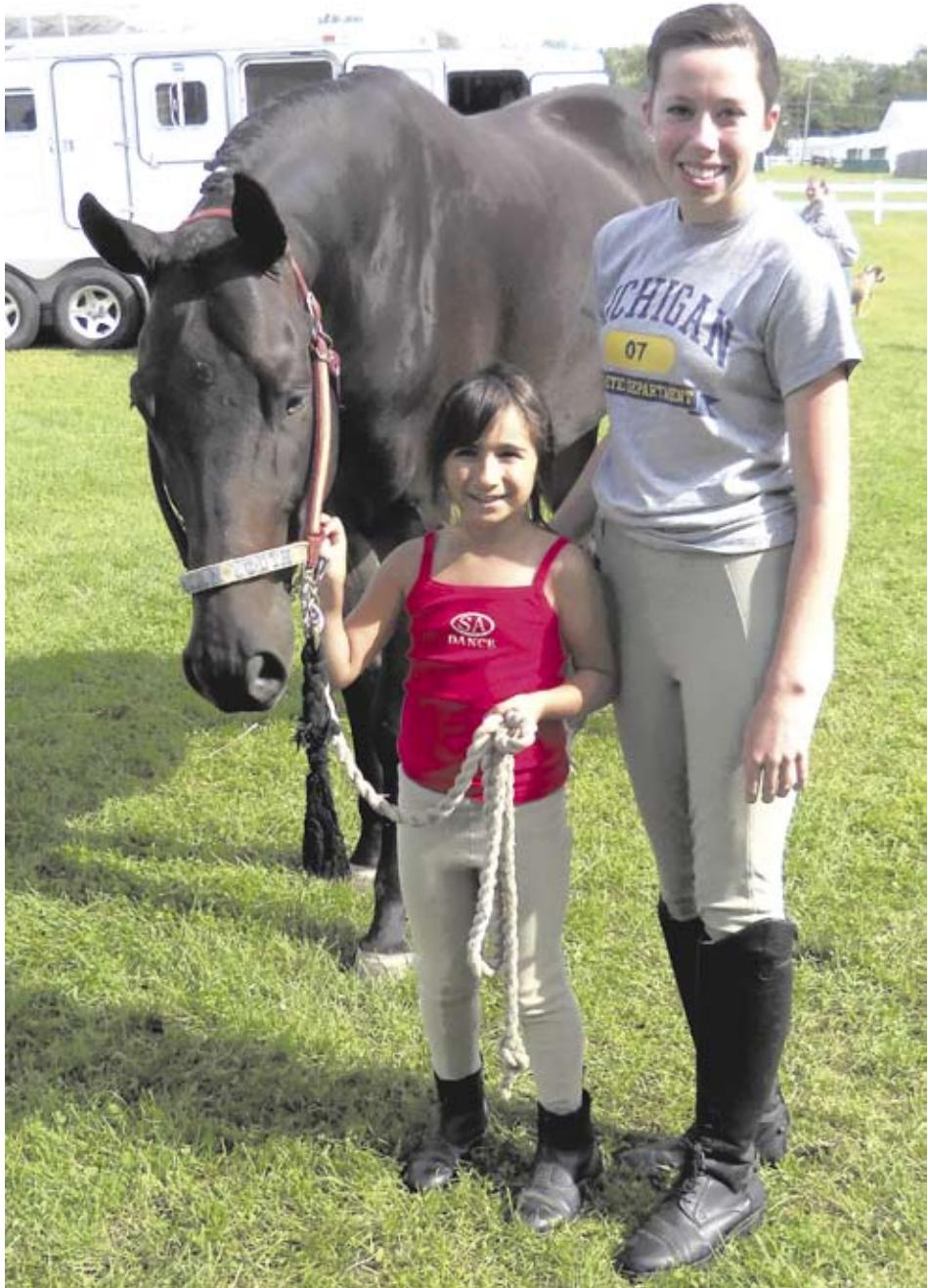
- Cohen, managing partner of Cohen, Lerner and Rabinovitz, who has been practicing law for 35 years. His firm specializes in estate planning and litigation;

- Dan Singer, attorney in Cohen's firm, specializes in bankruptcy, estate and trust matters. He has a master's in tax law;

- Aaron Silvenis, an attorney in Cohen's firm, grew up in Belleville and concentrates his practice on commercial and intellectual property litigation;

- Candace Yono, junior associate in

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*Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman*

The 67<sup>th</sup>-annual Wayne County Fair is under way this week, through Saturday, at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road north of the I-94 freeway in Van Buren Township. Practicing for the Showmanship competition on Monday morning were Gabby Genovese, 7, and Emma Watters, 17, with Luke, 5. They are members of American Youth Equestrians 4-H Club in New Boston.

## Autism Awareness T-shirts are available, sign up at City Hall

Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger said on Tuesday that those who have ordered Autism Awareness T-shirts through the fire department since last April may register

with City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long to get the shirts ordered earlier this year.

He said there were 18 sold and the paperwork was somehow lost. Those who ordered the shirts should tell Long their name, size of shirt, and what color they ordered. It's on the honor system.

Chief Loranger also said the check for

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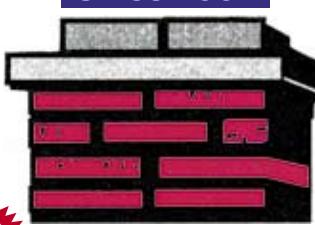
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## Marathon at Five Points perplexed over signs, screaming DPS director

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

Nazar Jacksi, owner of the Marathon gas station at Five Points in Belleville, and Farhad Sumo, who runs the station, came to the Belleville City Council meeting on Monday to ask for guidance in dealing with DPS Director Keith Boc.

Boc, who usually attends the council meetings, was not present and his absence was not explained.

Jacksi said he purchased the long-vacant station at 35 South Street in April and opened it about a month ago after extensive renovation.

He said six months ago he asked Boc for an LED sign and Boc told him no. Jacksi said he asked about the Citgo station that has an LED sign and Boc told him Citgo would be ticketed.

But Citgo continued to have its sign and Jacksi said the rules in town should be for everyone. He said Boc told him the Citgo sign would be taken down, but it wasn't.

Then, Jacksi said, Boc changed his line and said the Citgo station has a permit. Jacksi wanted to see the permit, but Boc wouldn't show him.

Then, Boc told them that their sign flashing "open" was not permitted. Jacksi said there are seven or eight "open" signs in Belleville that are flashing, including one across the street from them at Five Points.

"He came in shouting," Sumo told the council, telling of the day Boc came roaring into his store. He said customers were there as Boc yelled.

"I have a problem!" Boc reportedly shouted and Sumo thought there might be a problem with the gas pump or something. Boc had no ID tag and did not give his name or identify himself as coming from the city.

"Who are you?" Sumo said he asked. "I don't know who are you?"

"Each day he gives us a very hard time," Sumo said of Boc.

He said Boc complained of signs and advertisements.

"When I came, no one welcomed me," Jacksi said referring to city officials. He said people came as customers and thanked them for opening.

Jacksi said then there was a letter to him and his tenant with an \$8,000 property tax bill.

He went over to see Boc and Boc ordered him out of his office, Jacksi said.

Jacksi said he told Boc that if he went to his house, that would be wrong, but, "I told him this is a government office where you serve the public."

Then, Boc called the police from next

door, Jacki said.

There was reportedly a loud argument that finally was defused by Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long, who brought calm to the confrontation.

Mayor Kerreen Conley asked Jacksi if he had a copy of the sign ordinance and Jacksi said he didn't.

Mayor Conley said there is a sign ordinance and a new version being put together. She said it would have helped Jacksi to know what's allowed.

Boc did not give him a sign ordinance.

The sign ordinance has been in the process of revision for several years and has yet to make an appearance on the planning commission agenda in its final form. The August planning commission meeting has been cancelled for "lack of agenda," although the sign ordinance was slated to be on that agenda. Now, the sign ordinance is expected to be on the Sept. 12 agenda.

"We appreciate you being here," Mayor Conley said of the new gas station, noting that it looks nice.

Jacksi said he wanted to look at the permit that Citgo has.

City Manager Diane Kollmeyer said she has a copy of Citgo's permit and it was issued in 2009 and it is a non-conforming permit, since now LED signs are not allowed. Also, flashing neon signs are not allowed. Also, banners are not allowed now.

Jacksi asked if he should take down his Welcome Marathon banner, noting others in town have banners. He was not directed to take down the banner.

"We want to comply with the rules, but we are the only one treated this way," said Jacksi. "The only one."

### Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Aug. 8 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Aug. 13 – VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 19 – Van Buren Township work-study, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work-study session, 7 p.m., Administration Bldg. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.



*Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman*

Among those on hand for the first Lake and Land Sports Show on July 20 at Horizon Park were Faith Gibbons, left, and Jay and Michelle Mahaffey from the Belleville A&W under the bright orange A&W tent. The event was presented by the Belleville Central Business Community to bring more attention to sporting opportunities on Belleville Lake and surrounding countryside.

## VBT buys 7.45 acres of county foreclosed land on Elwell Road

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

At its regular meeting on July 16, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted, 6-1, to pay \$9,214.41 in back taxes on 7.45 acres of vacant land at 15080 Elwell Road, just south of the railroad and Hull Road.

Trustee Reggie Miller voted no. She voiced concerns about spending the money.

The board agreed it could be a good site for a new fire hall in the future if the township builds up and needs it. Board members also were glad since it is vacant property that there would have to be no grass cutting or other property maintenance.

Trustee Jeff Jahr said it needed to be used for a public purpose.

The property was foreclosed on by the Wayne County Treasurer for delinquent taxes.

The county sent a list of nine properties within the township that were foreclosed on and the township has the first right of refusal to purchase any of them by paying the delinquent taxes.

If the property is sold by the township in the future for an amount in excess of the minimum bid and all costs incurred relating to demolition, renovation, improvements or infrastructure development are deducted, the excess amount shall be returned to the delinquent tax property sales proceeds account.

At the July 15 workshop session, Treasurer Sharry Budd said in the past they had tried to buy five acres of foreclosed property on Elwell, but that transaction proved

unsuccessful.

Budd said the township has recently been informed it will be reimbursed for the money it spent to take care of the Princess Laura that had sunk in the lake, so that money will be available for the property purchase.

## VBT considers sale of five acres to parcel's next-door neighbor

Doug Kovach of 6854 Morton Taylor Road wants to buy the 5.03 acres of trashed property next door at 6920 Morton Taylor so he can clean it up.

He said at the back of the property, on the west side of Morton Taylor just north of Ecorse, there is an abandoned camper that teens use for drinking and bonfires.

Kovach said there is random trash and fencing.

And, it's owned by Van Buren Township, acquired through the tax foreclosure process in 2001. The township received a deed to the property from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2003.

The neighbor, Kovach, offered to purchase and improve the property.

The first step is finding out how much it is worth and clearing the title and at the Aug. 6 regular meeting they voted to do that. It will come back to the board for action once it is ready to be sold.

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### A smile beats a frown every time

The new Marathon gas station at Five Points in Belleville is beautiful. People are so excited to have the gas station open again and looking so nice, after being closed for so long.

The owner said he spent \$5,000 on landscaping to make sure it was just right. He wanted an LED sign for gas prices like the Citgo station farther down Main Street. City said: No can do.

They put up a flashing "Open" sign like seven or eight stores in town have – including a business right across the street. City: No can do.

They put up a new-business banner since others in town have banners. City: No can do.

When the \$8,000 property tax bill came, the owner went over to talk to DPS Director Keith Boc, the source of all the "no can do's."

Boc ordered him out of his office, called the police (next door), and ran out the back door of city hall. He turned up in his city truck waiting for police who turned up in a non-emergency mode from their lunch hour. Boc yelled at police.

He's yelled at a lot of businesses and coworkers in his day. We've heard their stories over and over again for the last 15 years or so. He yells when a soft voice would do more good.

Do you think the city would have more business in its empty storefronts if this city official was more professional? He's been protected by city officials for years. It's time for an anger-management class, at least.

### EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

John Chapman was released from the University of Michigan Hospital on Aug. 1 and he's putting in time at his auto shop on Sumpter Road, just north of Oakville Waltz. He said he's just working on it part time now. His son Robert is helping him out with the project.

On Monday he told me he has a new front to the old auto shop, new cement inside, and new windows.

He referred to his recent brush-hog accident at his home that cost him two legs as a "little setback" in his plans to open his new shop at the site of an old, well-known Sumpter shop. The old shop was known as Sumpter Auto and John's business, that used to be at Five Points in downtown Belleville, also is Sumpter Auto.

John didn't have health insurance, but he's hoping to make a claim on his homeowner's insurance to cover his U of M Hospital bills.

I've been informed by others that there is a collection can to benefit John at the Sumpter Market/Citgo gas station at the corner of Willis and Sumpter roads.

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Belleville fire fighter Kris Rix found a wallet containing \$300 in cash at the Clark gas station at Hull and Sumpter roads last week. He went to the Hull Road address in the wallet, but the family had moved.

Kris brought the wallet to the Belleville police station and Chief Gene Taylor found that the owner of the wallet had moved to Van Buren Township. When the owner came to pick up his wallet, he gave a reward to Kris for being so honest.

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One of our readers got a letter from Social

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Security informing her that it would take from one to two months for her check to go into her new bank account.

Problem was: She had no new account. Somebody had gotten her information and transferred her account to Fifth Third from Chase. Social Security had a phone number in the letter to call if there was a question, so she called. She was able to stop this scam, but it was a close call. She wanted our readers to know they should always open letters from Social Security and read them.

Three years ago, this same lady opened a layaway account with \$50 at Walmart where she worked to buy some jewelry for a granddaughter. A man came in with all her information and cancelled the layaway and took her \$50.

We have to be alert, but sometimes stuff happens beyond our control.

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My brother Tony picked me up for an early breakfast on Saturday. He asked where I wanted to go and I said I'd like to go to Mary Ann's in New Boston, since people have been saying such nice things about it for years.

We drove to New Boston and Tony read the sign on the door: "Closed Forever!" Then there was a thank-you to former customers. Oh, dear.

In downtown Belleville, Charhouse restaurant is gone from Main Street, having closed on July 28. It plans to reopen in

the Davenport Mall on the edge of town whenever the mall is built.

Tom White's law office also is gone from Main Street, closing July 15 after he was disbarred. There's still some activity, with some going in and out and urgent messages written to him and pushed under the door. His mail is not being forwarded yet, so the dentist in the same building is accepting his mail – but not signing for anything.

The new Irish Pub is open. It's a new business that is doing well on Main Street, next to the Bayou. Welcome.

And, the Marathon at Five Points is open and doing well – except for a big argument with DPW Director Keith Boc over signs. There was great shouting at City Hall, I'm told, that was calmed down by City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long, who has a gift for gentleness.

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Sumpter Township had problems with beavers in Banotai Park this summer and had to hire someone to trap them. On Monday Brian, a man from the Victoria Commons Homeowners, came to the Belleville City Council meeting to talk about muskrats that are eroding their ponds, among other problems. Maybe the muskrats can be trapped, too.



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**Letters****VBT needs to know about  
Visteon bonds, lawsuits**

To the Editor:

The Citizens of Van Buren need a public hearing set by the Van Buren Township Board to get an open and honest disclosure of the facts regarding the Visteon bonds, the Visteon bankruptcy and its subsequent lawsuits. The Van Buren citizens need to know the financial obligations of Van Buren Township that will arise from this bond guarantee.

It is my understanding, that the Van Buren homeowners and property owners incurred this bond obligation through the Van Buren Township Board pledge of the "full faith and credit" of Van Buren Township as the guarantor as of the Visteon bonds. Votes from Supervisor Cindy King, Clerk Joanie Payne, Treasurer Sharry Budd, with Trustees Hart, Jahr, and Walt Rochowiak supported this guarantee of the Visteon bonds, thereby obligating the citizens if Visteon would default. Well, surprise, surprise. Visteon did default.

Sharry Budd, Phil Hart and Jeff Jahr still sit on the Van Buren Township Board. This threesome especially needs to explain the bond problem, the Visteon bankruptcy and the subsequent cost or likely cost to the Van Buren citizens, residents and businesses alike.

No more empty, sheepish half smiles. We need a public hearing at which you give your explanation and set forth a proposed plan to meet our future Visteon bond obligation. What is the likely cost to us? How are we to pay it? When will we pay it?

This public hearing needs to take place promptly because the Belleville Area District Library Trustees are about to ask the community to support a substantial bond issue for funds to build a new library. We need to know what we can afford for the library in the light of the pre-existing Visteon obligation.

Please set a date and time for this important public meetings. No waffles. Just the truth.

Very truly yours,  
Barbara Rogalle Miller  
Van Buren resident

**How about having Taste of  
Van Buren in 2014?**

To the Editor:

The Taste of Belleville is a great event. How about a Taste of Van Buren in 2014? Possible sites are Van Buren Park (if the entrance fee could be waived) or Quirk Park. But, best of all would be the community college, if it could be worked out. There is plenty of parking and it could be held rain or shine.

Gary J. Marshall  
Van Buren Township

**Is fracking coming to  
Sumpter Township?**

To the Editor:

Is fracking (hydraulic fracturing) coming to Sumpter Township? Savoy Energy, LP has notified Sumpter Township officials that the company is interested in exploring for oil in Sumpter.

The day after the officials received Savoy's letter, residents on Willow Road called the township office reporting explosions – testing had already begun.

I have heard wonderful things about fracking and I have heard terrible things about it. If you are interested in learning more about the impact of the procedure or if you have information to share, please contact me at: V. Belinski, P.O. Box 276, Willis, MI 48191.

V. Belinski  
Sumpter Township resident

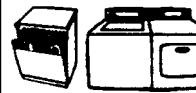
**Why are gas prices so high  
in Van Buren Twp.?**

To the Editor:

I live in Van Buren Township and I can't figure out, are we considered better than the regular towns and townships around us?

I got gas in Livonia on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July for \$3.39 per gallon. The gas stations on Haggerty Road and Belleville Road were \$3.69 and \$3.79. Meijer's Thrifty Acres was \$3.79, plus on Thursday morning the same price. It came down to \$3.69 on Haggerty Road and \$3.59 later in the day. That sure looks like gouging to me.

Jack, Van Buren Township  
P.S. Plymouth Road Mobil and Farmington Township, \$3.39; Joy Road and Merriman, \$3.39; Meijer \$3.79 on 30<sup>th</sup> of July. They might be Thrifty, but 40 cents per gallon seems it's a lot of profit.

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### Bridge Walk, Taste of Belleville is Aug. 15

To the Editor:

The Belleville Central Business Community's annual "Taste of Belleville" is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15 at Horizon Park (High Street) immediately following the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Belleville Bridge Walk.

The Belleville Rotary will hold its Rubber Ducky Race and tickets will be available at the ticket table. In addition to hosting a sweets table, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will have raffle tickets available for a two-year lease on a Ford Focus.

The following restaurants, caterers, and organizations will be participating in the Taste this year: Twisted Rooster, Benito's Pizza, A & W Restaurant, Culver's, Bayou Grill, Sweet Chateau, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, TKM Awards, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Lunch Box, C&C Seven Star BBQ, Belleville Community Chorus, Zino's Pizza, and Tim Horton's Café & Bake Shop.

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Our major sponsors this year are the Tucker Insurance Agency and Twisted Rooster Restaurant and our thanks to the Belleville High Softball Team for their assistance in setting up and tearing down.

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# Obituaries



Sean Ogle

**SEAN E. OGLE**

(November 27, 1972 - August 3, 2013)

Sean Edward Ogle, age 40, passed away Saturday, August 3, 2013 at his home in Milan, MI. He was born Monday, November 27, 1972 in Coosbay, OR, son of Bridie (Healy) and the late Harold Ogle.

He is survived by his wife Windy Ogle of Milan; two step-sons Brandon Muncy of Milan and Nicolas Muncy of Milan; his mother Bridie Ogle of Belleville; brother Thomas (Faith) Ogle of New Boston; sister Theresa Flynn of Mesa, AZ; five nieces and nephews Ashley Flynn, Johnathan Flynn, Staig Flynn, Jessica Ogle, Bridget Ogle; Dale & Denise Kregoski, Bob Guy, Billy Copley, John Bich'e, and many others.

He was preceded in death by his father Harold Ogle and grandparents.

Sean graduated from Belleville High School in 1991. He had a giving nature and was nice to everyone he met. Sean was an animated story teller who liked joking around with friends and family. He enjoyed making memories with his nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Tuesday, August 6, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. followed by a funeral service at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, with Father Thomas H. Cusick and Deacon Pete Cornell officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help defer funeral costs.

Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to cherish at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



Kenneth Lee Horste

**KENNETH LEE HORSTE**

(December 15, 1933 - July 23, 2013)

Kenneth Lee Horste died July 30, 2013 at age 62 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a long-time resident of Highland, MI.

Born to the late Robert M. and Florence (née Hanle) Horste on December 15, 1950 in Detroit, MI. A graduate of Belleville High School and the University of Michigan, Ken worked for Ford Motor Company as an engineer and technical specialist until his retirement in 2002. He married his high school and college sweetheart, Cheryl Ann Baisch on September 1, 1973. Together they raised two wonderful sons, Benjamin and Ian.

Ken is survived by his loving wife Cheryl Ann, sons Benjamin (Louise) and Ian Horste, grandsons Jacob and Michael Horste, mother Florence Horste, sister Kathryn Horste, sister-in-law Sandra (Mark) Smith, brothers-in-law Rick (Mona) Baisch and Kevin (Lois) Baisch, several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews as well as several life-long friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Joe Horste. Cremation has occurred.



Joanna V. Glynn

**JOANNA V. GLYNN**

(July 29, 1915 - July 31, 2013)

Joanna V. Glynn, age 98, of Belleville, died July 31, 2013.

Beloved wife of the late Michael J. and the late Roland Garnes. Loving mother of Mary Frances Garnes Lucas (Barney), Jane Glynn MacDonald, Joan Glynn Wille, the late Michael J. Glynn, Jr., Patricia Glynn, and Barbara Glynn Cusick (Tim). Dear sister of the late Faye Webb. Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

drawing, ceramics, and quilling paper. Deborah enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchild.

Visitation was Wednesday, August 7, from 1-8 PM, and will be Thursday, August 8, from 10-11 AM with a funeral service at 11 AM, at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Please sign her on-line guestbook and share a memory for Deborah's family to cherish at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



James Harrel Cook

**JAMES HARREL COOK**

(January 14, 1925 – July 26, 2013)

James Cook, 88, a longtime Warren, MI resident, passed away at the Village of Westland. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruby (Green); two daughters, Brenda (Gerald) Clarke of Belleville, MI, and Wanda (Gerald) Belvin of Oxford, MS; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four brothers, and one sister. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

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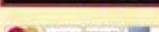
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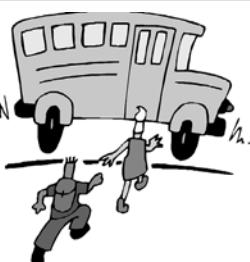
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# Attorney

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Cohen's firm, concentrates on commercial transactions and business litigation;

- Matthew Ferrara, an attorney with Finkle Whitefield, Selik of Farmington Hills, does estate planning and probate. He already had a client harmed by White and called Cohen because of the article in the *Independent*;

- Jason Goldman, formerly of Long Island, NY, is an attorney with the Belleville law firm of Goldman Suliman, which set up shop in February in offices in the J&T Crova building in the city's industrial park; and

- Brian Suliman, who grew up in Belleville, is an attorney with the Goldman Suliman firm. The firm offered to help victims fill out the forms for the State Bar of Michigan Crime Victims Fund. They also will be working with Cohen's firm to help the victims.

All the attorneys said they would meet with individual victims without charge for the initial interview to determine if they can help them.

Cohen said Thursday's gathering was the saddest meeting he's ever had to conduct since so many had lost so much due to the actions of an attorney.

He said he got more phone calls than he ever got in his life after the story on White was published in the July 25 *Independent* that included information on Cohen's case against White.

"Up until White filed bankruptcy my firm felt it would be a conflict of interest to represent anyone else," Cohen explained.

The bankruptcy changes the rules, he said. The person in charge of all White's assets now is the bankruptcy trustee and the bankruptcy court, so it doesn't make a difference who he represents.

"It all goes into the same pot to be split up based upon your individual claims. You are all unsecured creditors," Cohen said.

He said he would not discuss individual cases publicly and urged those in the room not to talk about their situations with others. He said there are predators out there who could try to take advantage of them.

"I'm proud of my profession, generally," Cohen said of attorneys. "This is the worst I've ever seen."

"Our job as lawyers now is to try to do right what another lawyer has done wrong to you," Cohen said of the other lawyers surrounding him at the meeting.

He said every lawyer is sworn to uphold the law -- and some don't.

"Your trust in the law has been shaken, if not destroyed," Cohen said.

He advised all those present to listen to his suggestions and then decide.

Most importantly, he said, don't sign anything you don't understand. If you don't understand, ask them to explain it until you do understand.

Second, he said, find out what it will cost you up front.

And, third, require a document in writing

that says everything that was talked about.

Cohen said all attorneys have malpractice insurance and so did White until October 2012 with a company called Zurich. He said he is deciding whether to sue Zurich over the mishandling of a client's case by White, which he said was malpractice.

Cohen said malpractice insurance doesn't cover what he stole, doesn't insure "intentional acts."

Cohen said when he asked White's bankruptcy attorney Stuart A. Gold why White filed bankruptcy, Gold told him someone took White's cars and boats and there was only one way to get them back. So he filed and got them back.

"You're all in the same boat and it's leaking," Cohen said to the crowd.

He said during the 341 hearing on Aug. 28, he has been informed that White will take the Fifth and not testify. After that the court will set certain dates and all the creditors will have to file claims to stay on the list.

Cohen stressed that a person cannot be discharged from debt because of fraud or illegal conduct.

He invited those present to join in an adversary proceeding because of the fraud. He said there is a \$300 filing fee and had yet to find out if that would be \$300 each or \$300 for the whole group.

"Many don't have \$300," he said, "but used to have it."

He said the people could join together to save the cost of hiring separate attorneys. He said they could use his firm or they could use other firms.

He said to look at how much money is involved for a person and if it's \$5,000 or less, "Don't throw good money after bad. Make sure it's money well worth claiming."

The more people who sign up for the adversary proceeding, the less it will cost per person, he said. He said he couldn't quote a price until he sees how many sign up and what the court says about the \$300 filing.

"And, if other attorneys can do it for less" then let them do it, Cohen said.

Cohen said he checked up on all the attorneys that were present that evening and they all are good.

He encouraged each person to sign up for a free, private session with one of the attorneys. A person's information is not anyone else's business and once it's told to an attorney it is held confidentially, as attorney-client privilege, even if no money is exchanged, he said.

Cohen said people had money taken from them, they signed over power of attorney, and White stole the money. He said in a couple of cases a check was received without power of attorney and White took it to the bank and cashed it. The bank can be sued, he said.

"It is fraud. There is no way you could know about this," Cohen said, adding he understands how upsetting this is to those who trusted White and lost their money.

He said people have to file revocation to their powers of attorney. They have to check to see if the assets put into a trust are where they are supposed to be.

He said one file White has from a client has documents from before the Civil War that can't be replaced.

Cohen said each client needs to get his or her files back.

"Two days ago, White wandered into the police station in Monroe," Cohen said, referring to the State Police Post. He reported that White said some self-incriminating things there. White said he knew he was going to jail.

Cohen said that's not right because a year or less is *jail*. Over that is *prison* and White is going to *prison*.

"Where the hell is the money? None of us know," Cohen said.

Cohen said he knows, for example, that White bought a Jani-King franchise with his client's money. Cohen talked to the corporate office of Jani-King and it said if White filed bankruptcy, which he did, they may pull the franchise.

White's Jani-King franchise has contracts with two or three large organizations and is in line to get a big school district, Cohen said.

"He was going to be in the janitorial business after he stopped being a lawyer," Cohen said, adding one of White's large clients was a church and church school. They paid Jani-King and Jani-King would pay White.

Cohen said White's house is under water, taxes not paid, his vehicle and boats with liens, bank accounts are locked up with the bankruptcy filing.

White started paying for things in cash, he said.

"Where's the money?" Cohen repeated.

He said his firm will be questioning White's wife, son, and daughter in legal depositions to try to find out where the money is.

He said a couple of years ago White's wife Heather went through bankruptcy.

Cohen said, "In most of these cases, the cupboard is bare ... If you should get anything returned, go to church and give thanks."

There was discussion about where the legal files are and there were reports of file boxes seen being carried out of his office and driven away in a pickup. Cohen said he will request files for those who ask him to do so.

He said in the morning he will notify the bankruptcy trustee about the files being moved.

"Why isn't he in jail?" asked a woman victim.

Attorney Aaron Silvenis said he went to the Belleville Police Department and they sent it over to the Michigan State Police. It was assigned to MSP Detective Marc Moore who was on vacation for a week.

Cohen said fraud isn't as easy, or as pressing, to investigate as a murder.

A woman said she was told MSP was handing the investigation over to the Wayne County Sheriff Department.

Cohen said he hadn't heard that, but whoever files the charges, White will get charged.

"I'm making sure he goes to jail [prison]," Cohen stated. When asked, he replied typically such a sentence would be 10-15 years in prison.

Because of information on wire fraud brought to light at the meeting, the FBI also may be involved.

Channel 7 reporter Andy Choi and MSP Detective Moore both called Cohen to say they would be at Thursday's meeting, but didn't show up.

White declined to give a statement to the *Independent* for the newspaper reports on him, saying, "I believe it would be in my best interest not to comment."

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The flyer inserted into today's *Independent* features **Van Buren Police & Fire Departments Family Fun & Public Safety Day** this Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Walgreen's** on Belleville Road. There will be tons of fun and activities and a chance to meet the people dedicated to protecting our community. The flyer also has a coupon offer for a free bike helmet, while supplies last. See the flyer for the details.

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**Michigan Air Show** this weekend, along with the **Wayne County Fair** on Quirk Road. There are tons of reasons to get out this weekend. Next week, the **Taste of Belleville** and the annual **Belleville Bridge Walk** is next Thursday. Watch for the list of restaurant and their offerings in next week's paper.

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## Thunder

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ordinance hasn't been looked at in 30 to 40 years, but Police Chief Gene Taylor said he had submitted a request for a revision of the ordinance to the city prosecutor, but never heard back. Kollmeyer said she didn't know that. The man said he had a picture of the boxer running after other people. Chief Taylor said he was unaware of the man's complaint on the dogs;

• Heard the *Independent* ask about the fire department's autism awareness drive for donations that started in April. The paper received a letter about the drive, with the writer saying he never got the T-shirt he ordered and when he called AutismSpeaks, which was supposed to get money from the drive, they said Belleville hasn't sent any money to them. Mayor Kerreen Conley turned the question over to Councilman Brian Blackburn, a fire fighter, who said Kris Rix and Chris Zweng were in charge of the drive and the money hasn't been disbursed yet because they were trying to find the right address to send it to. Also, the list of the T-shirt purchases was lost and they will be giving full refunds for the T-shirt purchases. He said it was on the fire department's Facebook page and there will be a notice in the newspaper; and

• Went into closed-door session for about an hour to discuss a union contract and then reconvened to unanimously approve the Government Employees Labor Contract (GELC) for the seven full-time members and one part-time member of the DPS/Clerical union. The contract, which runs from June 2012 through June 2015, now goes to the union for ratification. The new contract has no wage changes, but there are changes to health care and retirement, said Mayor Conley.

## Birthdays

Aug. 7 – Gary Marshall

Aug. 26 – David Yob

Do you have a birthday in August? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Monday, Aug. 5 to Saturday, Aug. 10** – Hi-ho, come to the Fair! The annual Wayne County 4-H Fair and other exciting events are under way this week at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road north of the I-94 freeway.

• **Thursday, Aug. 8** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Tonight is AllenAsTim and The Dance Hall Rockers.

• **Friday, Aug. 9** – Thunder over Michigan Ground Parade up Main Street in downtown Belleville, beginning at 6:30 p.m., heading from Victory Park area to Roys Street. The old army vehicles, German vehicles and reenactors will be on display on High Street until 7:15 p.m. or so.

• **Friday, Aug. 9** – VBT Summer Concert Series, 7-8:30 p.m., Van Buren Park, \$4 entry fee per car. Tonight is Annabelle Road, Country.

• **Friday, Aug. 9** – Family Drive-In free movie at sunset, 8:44 p.m., by Friends Church, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Free hot dogs and ice cream night. Cartoon and feature "2 to Tango." In case of rain in Youth House Theater.

• **Friday, Aug. 9** – At 7 p.m. the Sneed Family of Glasgow, Kentucky, will present an evening of Gospel Singing at Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church, 7810 S. Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti.

• **Saturday, Aug. 10, and Sunday, Aug. 11** – Big Air Show at Willow Run Airport.

• **Saturday, Aug. 10** – Van Buren Township Family Fun and Public Safety Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walgreen's on Belleville Road. Free fitted bicycle helmets for the first 75 kids under 14 attending. Tour the newly refurbished Fire Smoke House, meet police and fire fighters, see police vehicles and fire trucks, meet Dee-Dee the Clown and Andy the Ambulance, face painting, fingerprinting program.

• **Thursday, Aug. 15** – Taste of Belleville and Bridge Walk.

• **Thursday, Aug. 15** – The Other Book Club meets at 7 p.m. The club moves around, so call the library for this month's location, 699-3291.

## Autism

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\$2,300, raised through various fund raisers by the fire department and auxiliary, was going out in Tuesday's mail to AutismSpeaks, as promised.

The Belleville Fire Department and Auxiliary Facebook page offers a free refund for the ordered T-shirts, if desired.

He said firefighters had hoped to get a representative of the autism group to come to a city council meeting to accept a big, ceremonial check, but that didn't work out.

"We have some work to do on our fund-raising technique before we do another fund raiser," Chief Loranger said.

# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

## Sunday, July 28:

0411 – disturbance, Southport  
0718 – intimidation threat, 13952 Country Walk  
1559 – dumping complaint, Cobblestone  
1738 – intimidation threat, 48551 S. I-94 Service  
2250 – juvenile complaint, 8779 Hardwood Dr.  
2314 – assault & battery, 16650 Sumpter Rd.  
2325 – juvenile complaint, Elwell Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

## Monday, July 29:

1038 – breaking & entering, 9137 Parkwood Dr.  
1100 – fraud, 44546 Briarwood Ct.  
1138 – ATV/ORV complaint, Fret Rd./Renton Rd.  
1144 – fraud, 8983 Springwood Blvd.  
1240 – fraud, Walmart  
1347 – fraud, 2235 Rawsonville Rd.  
1352 – sexual assault, 11875 Quirk Rd.  
1400 – fraud, Meijer  
1553 – assault & battery, 48581 S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1642 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 15204 West Lake Circle  
1848 – narcotics crime, 48581 S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2249 – fraud, 2195 Rawsonville Rd.  
2257 – property damage accident, 10625 Belleville  
2326 – intimidation threat, 9823 Barkley St.

## Tuesday, July 30:

0215 – private property accident, 21 Ash Dr.  
0414 – assault & battery, 48930 Denton Rd.  
0717 – mental, 41440 S. Bellridge Dr.  
1053 – fraud, 41460 W. Archwood Dr.  
1140 – malicious destruction of property, 41452 E. Archwood Dr.  
1235 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born  
1250 – sexual assault, 102 Richard Run  
1336 – larceny, 6379 Monroe Ct.  
1518 – malicious destruction of property, 41838 McBride Ave.  
1539 – assist fire dept., Westlake pool  
1735 – shots fired, 49110 Denton Rd.  
1821 – disorderly conduct, 9556 Belleville Rd.  
1853 – intimidation threat, 13299 Country Walk Ct  
1855 – disorderly conduct, 2141 Rawsonville Rd.  
1908 – suicide or attempt, 9412 Andover Dr.  
2152 – larceny, 38 Maple Dr.  
2211 – juvenile complaint, 42459 N. Cumberland  
2225 – fraud, Walmart  
2254 – shots fired, 6784 Maurice Dr.

## Wednesday, July 31:

0204 – disorderly conduct, 11825 Meadows Cir.  
0233 – disturbance, Savage School  
0607 – missing person, 6 Pine Dr.  
0653 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/Bog  
0810 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, 46194 N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0919 – hospice, 44401 s. I-94 Service Dr.  
1018 – assault & battery, 48941 Denton Rd.  
1459 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1503 – private property accident, 2230 Rawsonville  
1537 – assault & battery, 49060 Denton Rd.  
1641 – larceny from auto, 6834 Anna Dr.  
1810 – suicide or attempt, 11433 Devitt Rd.  
1826 – intimidation threat, 11042 Van Buren St.  
1827 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse  
1832 – malicious destruction of property, 10574 Oak Lane  
2016 – mental, 11520 Beckley  
2031 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2124 – fraud, Walmart  
2223 – disorderly conduct, 11530 Belleville, Shell

## Thursday, Aug. 1:

0959 – assault & battery, 54 maple Dr.  
1428 – assault & battery, Meijer  
1445 – larceny, 6638 Senate St.  
1455 – fraud, Meijer  
1627 – domestic violence, 14181 Marina Dr.  
1651 – private property accident, 11511 Belleville, Country Kitchen  
1654 – property damage accident, Belleville / Tim Horton's  
1714 – intimidation threat, 8892 W. Walden Dr.  
1849 – malicious destruction of property, 47151

## Harbour Pointe Ct.

1903 – harassment call, 9555 Haggerty, WCCCD  
2016 – fraud, Meijer  
2123 – disorderly conduct, 45707 S. I-94 Service  
2203 – assault & battery, Sylvan Valley  
2308 – malicious destruction of property, Meijer

## Friday, Aug. 2:

0033 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0732 – suicide or attempt, Willow Creek Market  
0801 – disorderly conduct, Walmart  
0838 – disorderly conduct, 51300 W. Huron River  
1329 – property damage accident, 9830 Andover  
1441 – malicious destruction of property, 7036 Amanda Dr.  
1604 – property damage accident, Haggerty/N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1706 – narcotics crime, 47574 Belmont Dr.  
1731 – disturbance, Pine Dr./Maple Dr.  
2040 – felony assault, 314 Holly Lane  
2104 – assault & battery, 47801 Hull Rd.  
2150 – shots fired, 9495 Lancaster  
2221 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
2311 – noise complaint, 7701 Mida Dr.

## Saturday, Aug. 3:

0004 – shots fired, 41511 N. Bellridge Dr.  
0040 – suspicious situation, Kmart  
0206 – fight, 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0251 – suspicious situation, 16800 Lohr Rd.  
0308 – noise complaint, 46171 Village Green Ln.  
0754 – malicious destruction of property, 51300 W. Huron River Dr.  
0943 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1126 – larceny from auto, 48041 S. I-94 Service  
1150 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.  
1430 – fraud, 6235 Gilmore St.  
1533 – lake complaint, 250 N. Liberty  
1726 – property damage accident, Michigan/Dellor  
1831 – private property accident, Dollar General  
1942 – trespassing, Beck Gun Range  
2012 – larceny from auto, 12 Birch Dr.  
2037 – intimidation threat, Stonebridge/Walden Woods  
2046 – suspicious situation, Quirk Park  
2150 – disturbance, 49096 Ashbury Dr.

Also on this week's log are 226 traffic stops, 63 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

## Sunday, July 28:

0057 – traffic hazard, E. Huron river Dr./Bedell  
0105 – assist fire dept., 6 Main St.  
0327 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.  
1145 – assist fire dept., 12 Carmell St.  
1653 – domestic assault, 40 Carmell St.  
1704 – intimidation threat, 111 Potter Dr.  
1824 – family trouble, 40 Carmell St.  
1904 – noise complaint, 318 Victorian Ln.  
2238 – harassment call, 412 Robbe St.

## Monday, July 29:

0943 – assist fire dept., 12 Carmell St.  
1414 – found property, 6 Main St.  
1654 – animal complaint, 139 South St.  
2357 – disorderly conduct, 75 S. Liberty St.

## Tuesday, July 30:

0027 – disorderly conduct, 75 N. Liberty St.  
0343 – property check  
0824 – assist fire dept., 500 N. Liberty St.  
0930 – prisoner transfer, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court  
1118 – civil matter, 6 Main St.  
1135 – warrant arrest, 46425 Tyler Rd.  
1304 – miscellaneous complaint, 35 Main St.  
1334 – assist fire dept., 57 Loza Ln.  
1358 – juvenile complaint, 110 Carmell St.  
1512 – parking complaint, 146 S. Biggs St.  
1512 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.  
1514 – larceny, 287 S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1938 – miscellaneous complaint, BHS

## Wednesday, July 31:

0234 – disturbance, Savage School  
1017 – suspicious person, 203 Belle Villa Blvd.  
1238 – civil matter, 524 Main St., Charhouse  
1312 – hospice, 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-op  
1357 – trespassing, Tuscan Manor Office  
1400 – shots fired, 811 Estrada  
1800 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen  
2158 – civil matter, 524 Main St., Charhouse

## Thursday, Aug. 1:

0048 – motorist assist, Five Points  
0103 – information, 6 Main St.  
0205 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter Rd.  
0932 – prisoner transport, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court  
1032 – domestic assault, 51 Loza Lane  
1159 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 275 W. Columbia, Columbia Court  
1223 – E-911 hangup/investigation, Columbia Ct.  
1356 – information, Victoria Commons  
1410 – personal injury accident, 437 Sumpter  
1524 – missing person, 101 Carmell St.  
1622 – disorderly conduct, 510 Main St.  
1815 – juvenile complaint, Victory Park  
1914 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Columbia Ct.

## Friday, Aug. 2:

0853 – parking complaint, 356 Oxford Ct.  
1520 – property damage accident, South St./E. Columbia Ave.  
1810 – domestic assault, 204 Belle Villa Blvd.  
1848 – suspicious situation, Hillside Cemetery  
1903 – suspicious situation, 265 Sumpter Rd.  
2107 – agency assist, 47801 Hull Rd.

## Saturday, Aug. 3:

1138 – assist fire dept., 189 Belle Villa Blvd.  
1244 – assist fire dept., 200 Henry St.  
1246 – parking complaint, 110 Henry St.  
1442 – welfare check, 251 Henry St.  
1717 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-op  
2032 – noise complaint, 122 Menlo Park Dr.  
2320 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Columbia Ct.  
2333 – assist citizen, 47103 Water's Edge

Also on this week's log are 71 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

## Sunday, July 28:

0206 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Bohn  
0317 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1032 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1157 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1226 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville  
1431 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1515 – fire dept. assist, Idaho  
1619 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
1752 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2009 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2121 – well-being check, Wayside Dr.

## Monday, July 29:

1104 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1151 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1413 – follow-up investigation, California  
1436 – missing person, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1523 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.  
1753 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1931 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1942 – criminal sexual conduct, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
2015 – well-being check, California  
2232 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

## Tuesday, July 30:

0425 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Lane  
0828 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0947 – alarm, Edgewood Dr.  
0953 – warrant arrest, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1018 – citizen assist, Willis/Rawsonville  
1145 – assist other agency, 12000 bl. Sumpter  
1329 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1444 – property damage accident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 39 miscellaneous details, 113 patrol checks, and 102 traffic stops.

1452 – juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1817 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1912 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2031 – fire dept. assist, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz  
2225 – warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2337 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

## Wednesday, July 31:

0015 – follow-up investigation, 36000 bl. S. Huron  
0911 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1031 – larceny, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1131 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1202 – search warrant, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1217 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1306 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1343 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane  
1502 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1538 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1733 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1901 – warrant arrest, Nevada  
2051 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2135 – suspicious incident, Wayside Dr.

## Thursday, Aug. 1:

0005 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0438 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0645 – animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter  
1413 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Dunn  
1522 – larceny, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1648 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1722 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1804 – warrant arrest, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1935 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
2359 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Judd

## Friday, Aug. 2:

0657 – abandoned vehicle, Arkona/Sumpter  
0800 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1138 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1221 – fraud, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1339 – larceny, Harris/Sumpter  
1420 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1511 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1815 – assist other agency, out of township  
1929 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2031 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Martinsville/Judd  
2234 – noise complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

## Saturday, Aug. 3:

0056 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0859 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.  
1225 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1231 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1252 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Willow  
1515 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1614 – ordinance violation, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
1735 – breaking & entering, Mulberry  
1812 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1817 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2154 – warrant arrest, Bemis/Sumpter  
2237 – fireworks complaint, Judd/Martinsville  
2309 – property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

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## Donations for St. Anthony's Fall Rummage Sale

St. Anthony's annual Fall Rummage Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, and Saturday, Sept. 7.

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## Ask Angela

By Angela Nettro

I am here to answer questions pertaining to buying or selling real estate. Send your questions to "Ask Angela", c/o *Belleville Area Independent*, 152 Main Street, Ste. 9, Belleville 48111 or send me an email at [nettroandco@comcast.net](mailto:nettroandco@comcast.net). I'll answer questions in this column.

**Question from David in Van Buren**

Township: I am thinking about selling my house, probably in the next year or two, but am unsure. I was wondering if I called a real estate agent to come look at

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my house and tell me what they think we can sell it for, does it cost me money? If I only call one realtor, do I have to use them since they gave me the price? Should I have a couple different real estate agents come out? I am curious and would like for someone to come out soon, just to see where I am at. Thank you for your time and cooperation regarding this matter. I really appreciate you taking the time to answer my questions.

**Answer:** David, if you are planning to sell your home in another year to two years, than an estimated value at this time will not be the correct value in another year or two. Property values change every six months to a year. Prices could rise or they could be lower in one to two years.

It is better to wait until a few months before you're planning to put your home on the market to get an accurate value. Also interest rates are on the rise and if they continue for the next couple of years, it could definitely influence home values at that time. As long as you do not sign any contract, or form, agreeing to commit to the realtor(s) for a future listing or relationship of agency, then when you decide to list you can choose any realtor.

-- Angela

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**Correction:**

Woodhaven number was incorrect on VBT chart

On page 3 in the Aug. 1 *Independent*, we published information from a chart provided to the press and public by Deputy Supervisor Karin LaMothe at the July 29 work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.

We reported that although she said Sumpter Township paid the least amount of taxes in Wayne County, actually Woodhaven did. This was according to her chart.

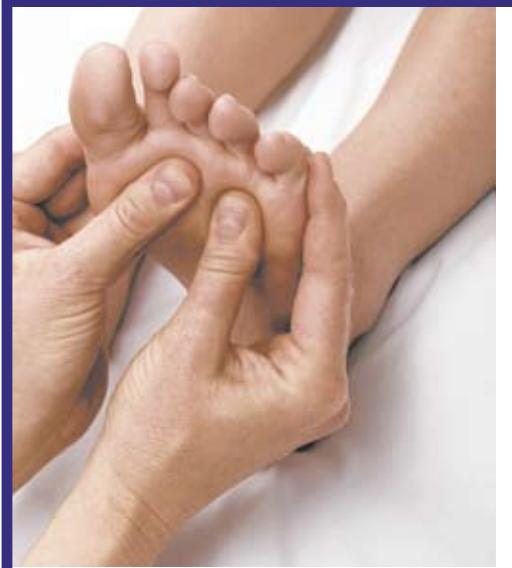
On Aug. 1, Deputy Supervisor LaMothe sent out a revised chart, explaining, "There was a computational error in the formula for the City of Woodhaven."

On the new chart, Sumpter taxpayers do pay the lowest taxes in Wayne County, with VBT next to the lowest.

We regret the incorrect figure.

-- Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

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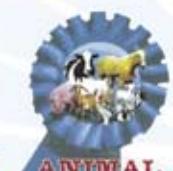
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**RAY'S GARAGE Band**  
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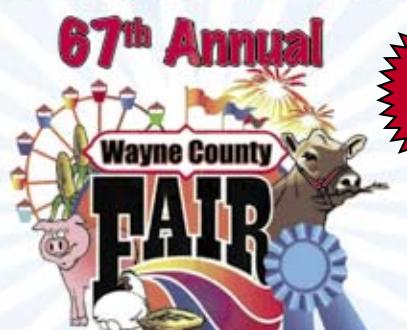
**WINGMAN Band**  
Wednesday - Friday 6:00pm  
Saturday 4:30 pm



**Miracle of Life**  
Monday - Saturday  
2:00pm - 10pm



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**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, August 8 (Kids Day)**

Dining Hall

Livestock Pavilion

Equine

Dining Hall w/ AC

Goat Milking 9:00 a.m.

Horse Show 9:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Carnival 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$5 2:5 pm; \$10 after 6 pm

Tactical Laser Tag 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$5.00

Miracle of Life 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Crackers / Vendors 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Dinner 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Wingman Band 6:00 p.m.

Livestock Auction 6:30 p.m.

SJQ Super Cross Championship Series 7:00 pm \$10.00

- Super Cross Sign-up 3:00 pm.

Coloring Contest w/ Prizes - Theme: County Fair

- Age Groups: 3-5, 6-9, 10-12, 13-14; 2:00 pm Deadline

Games - Kids Ages 12 & Under 4:00 p.m.

Pedal Tractors 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Dinner 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Wingman Band 6:00 p.m.

Livestock Auction 6:30 p.m.

SJQ Super Cross Championship Series 7:00 pm \$10.00

- Super Cross Sign-up 3:00 pm.

**Friday, August 9 (Veterans Day)**

Dining Hall

Livestock Pavilion

Equine

Dining Hall w/ AC

Goat Pack Class 11:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Master Stockman Workshop 1:00 p.m.

Carnival 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$16.00

Miracle of Life 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Tactical Laser Tag 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Crackers / Vendors 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Wood Carving Shows (Various Times)

Pocket Pet Show 2:00 p.m.

Dinner 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (\$1.00 off price for Veterans)

Wingman Band 6:00 p.m.

Unique Motor Sports presents

- Night of Destruction 7:00 pm. \$10.00

**Saturday, August 10**

Dining Hall

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Dining Hall w/ AC

Livestock Pavilion

Adult Bev Tent

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**Monday, August 5**

Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Swine Show 8:00 a.m.

Llama/Alpaca Show 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Horse Show 11:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Dining Hall

Livestock Pavilion

Merchant's Bldg.

Equine

Dining Hall w/ AC

Miracle of Life 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Sheep Show 6:00 p.m.

Poultry Show 6:00 a.m.

Horse Show 9:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Miracle of Life 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Crafters / Vendors 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Cattle Barn

Livestock Pavilion

Equine

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Cattle Barn

Carnival 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$1.00 day

Dinner 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (\$1.00 off price for Seniors)

Goat Show 6:00 p.m.

Mini Horse Pull 7:00 p.m.

Ray's Garage Band 7:00 p.m.

Rabbit/Cavy Show 8:00 a.m.

Dining Hall w/ AC

Livestock Pavilion

Equine

Horse Arena

Adult Bev Tent

Dining Hall

Cattle Barn

Horse Show 9:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Miracle of Life 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Crafters / Vendors 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Fruit Pie Bake Off (1st-3rd Prizes) 2:00 p.m.

Carnival 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. \$10.00

Dinner 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (\$1.00 off price for Ladies)

Dining Hall w/ AC

Livestock Pavilion

Equine

Dining Hall

Cattle Barn

Equine

Dining Hall

Dining Hall w/ AC

Dairy Show 6:00 p.m.

Wingman Band 6:00 p.m.

Beef Show 7:00 p.m.

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